GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4163
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2000
RICE STOCK IN ANDHRA PRADESH
MALYALA RAJAIAH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of request made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to move rice stocks from Andhra Pradesh to Southern States instead of spending additional amount on transporting rice from the Northern States to the SouthernStates for the Public Distribution System;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct additional godowns in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) In view of the representations received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh,no rice is planned to be transported by FCI from Northern States to Southern Statesduring December 2000, and optimum quantity of rice will be transported to Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu etc. from Andhra Pradesh in addition to intra-State movement within Andhra Pradesh for the PDS and other requirements.

(b) & (c) : As on 30.10.2000, FCI had a total storage capacity of24.24 lakh tonnes in Andhra Pradesh. During the current Five Year Plan, FCI has approved construction of two godowns at the following locations in Andhra Pradesh:

(i) Nellore 30,000 MT

(ii) Amalapuram 10,000 MT

(d) Question does not arise.